

REMARKS

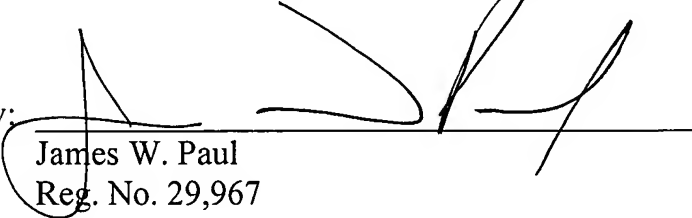
By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Sekhon in view of Lewis et al., previously cited, and Wasel-Nielen et al., disclosing zinc phosphate particle sizes of 0.1 to 8 μm as pigments used as substitutes for chromate containing anticorrosive pigments. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite "a remainder comprising a mixture of phenol-formaldehyde thermosetting resin, polyvinyl butyral and di-octyl phthalate." Support for the amendment can be found in the example given in the specification at page 9, specifically at lines 6-9. The additives of polyvinyl butyral and di-octyl phthalate serve the function of rendering the corrosion resistant coatings less brittle, and it is respectfully submitted that Sekhon, Lewis et al. and Wasel-Nielen et al. do not teach, disclose or suggest a corrosion resistant composition for a fastener wherein the composition includes a remainder comprising a mixture of phenol-formaldehyde thermosetting resin, polyvinyl butyral and di-octyl phthalate, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 1-10 are novel and inventive over Sekhon, Lewis et al. and Wasel-Nielen et al., either taken individually or in combination, and that the rejection of Claims 1-10 on the grounds of obviousness from Sekhon in view of Lewis et al. and Wasel-Nielen et al. should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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